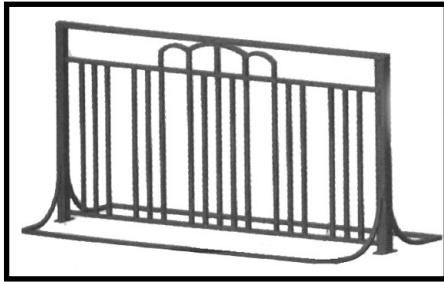


RHINEBECK ROTARY DONATES BIKE RACK

In an attempt to promote alternative methods of transportation down to the dock, and to compliment the Heritage Greenway Trail (Loop A) in Rhinebeck, the committee successfully acquired a bike rack, through concerted efforts of Town liaison, Dan Staley. Initially the funding for this item was planned to come from a NYS grant the waterfront committee had been holding for a number of years. When this fell through, Mr. Staley approached the Rhinebeck Rotary. They generously donated a new bike rack valued at approximately \$775.

The rack was selected to match the existing black metal benches on site and is made of all-steel construction. The new rack is scheduled to be installed in early spring 2009 and will accommodate up to 10 bikes. Thank you Rhinebeck Rotary! ■



TENTATIVE DATE SET FOR RHINECLIFF WATERFRONT DAY '09

2009 marks the Quadcentennial Celebration of the Hudson River. The Rhinecliff Waterfront Day sub-committee is currently looking for volunteers to help plan and run this special day tentatively set for Sunday, August 16, 2009. For more information, please contact Tony Todisco at Aftodisco@aol.com.



Sinterklaas landed in Rhinecliff with a "Splash" in November to the delight of all in attendance.

The Rhinecliff Waterfront Committee is an officially sanctioned sub-committee of the Town of Rhinebeck working to make the Rhinecliff Landing a valuable resource for the community. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Rhinecliff Firehouse. Meetings are open to all and are posted on the Town website, rhinecliff.org or call us! If you can't make the meetings, write or e-mail to give your input on uses for the dock, development plans, or request to have the minutes e-mailed to you. We always have things for people to do! You can help as little or as much as you have time for.

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2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & UPDATES

WE'VE GOT GRASS!

You might remember last October when the dock was taped off until April 2008, while seeding that was done as part of the FEMA Restoration Project had time to set.

Well, by late Spring, 2008, the dock was lush green with grass. Additional stone fill was added around the bulkhead area in the Spring and Fall and the bulkhead got a second coat of paint thanks to the hand-grease of members of the Waterfront Committee.

The town has been using a simple water pump unit purchased in 2007 to water the grass. The committee has proposed installing a sprinkling system that would ensure the grass remain intact and healthy. The project is in the process of being re-bid, will be brought forth to the Town Board in Jan. or Feb., and if approved, could be operable as early as April 09. ■



Erosion continues to play a role at the dock. Stone was laid in in both Spring and Fall 08.

FENDERS TO BE INSTALLED IN SPRING 2009

In 2006, the Town installed four large vessel cleats near the central bulkhead in order for the dock to accommodate larger vessels. Since that time, we have experienced wear and tear from these vessels as they push up against the bulkhead with the tide. A proposal was made and granted by Senator Saland for the addition of 4 marine fenders to the outer side of the bulkhead in order to afford protection to the bulkhead, save in future maintenance repairs and allow safe access to the dock from the river. This addition will also enhance the bulkhead area for smaller motorboats to use the cleats without fear of causing damage to their boats.

The fenders are made of a ionomer foam construction with high energy-absorption and a skin that is exceptionally durable, flexible and non-abrasive. The US Coast Guard uses these fenders on its Polar Icebreakers as well as smaller vessels, making them a good choice for the location of Rhinecliff in all seasons. ■

PICNIC SHELTER COMPLETED

In November 2008, a second picnic shelter was built over a concrete slab that had been poured a number of years prior. Designed by committeeman, Jack Conklin, and approved by Morris Associates, the shelter will provide shade and comfort for visitors.

Many thanks to Bob Fitzpatrick and Dan Rushton for their efforts in this project. ■



The new picnic shelter was built over an existing concrete slab and is furnished with two 8 ft tables and a grill.

FEASIBILITY STUDY PROPOSAL PLACED ON HOLD

In June 2008, the Rhinecliff Waterfront Committee applied for a \$30,000 Hudson River estuary Action Agenda Grant from the DEC. The proposal seeks funding to create a roadmap for future improvement projects, based on scientific evaluation and expertise and in conjunction with the Town adopted LWRP.

The scope of work addressed in the document includes the following:

1. Find traffic and parking solutions for increased use of the Rhinecliff Landing and use of the Hudson River
2. Provide solutions to control erosion and safeguard against rising river levels and other effects of climate change with regard to the dock
3. Investigate solutions to stabilize the bulkhead, estimate its life expectancy and/or suggest methods of protection and durability/ reconstruction
4. Create ways to increase river access for large vessels, including ferries, tour boats and education crafts
5. Provide direction in the selection of location, type and installation of a seasonal dock system that would satisfy the needs of a diverse group of day-use boaters and increase access to the landing from the Hudson.

As of this publication, approval to issue the 2008 grants has not been issued from NYS Office of Operations and the DOB. ■